

Appl. No. : 09/919,739  
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REMARKS

Claims 3-8, 17, and 18 are pending for further examination. The applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the comments in the Office Action dated December 17, 2002. The Examiner's comments were helpful and are incorporated into the remarks below.

Election/Restriction Under 35 U.S.C. § 121

The Examiner has required a Restriction to one of the groups enumerated on Page 2 of the Office Action dated December 17, 2002. Applicant hereby elects Group II, which contains Claims 3-8. This Election is made without traverse.

New Claims

Claims 17 and 18 have been added by this Amendment.

CONCLUSION

The applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, amendments to the claims pursuant to statutory section 121 are presented above.

New claims presented above are of course intended to avoid the prior art, but are not intended as replacements or substitutes of any cancelled claims. They are simply additional specific statements of inventive concepts described in the application as originally filed.


If the Examiner has any questions which may be answered by telephone, she is invited to call the undersigned directly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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